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a.) **Preliminary Remarks.**

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

In response to the final Office Action, mail dated June 15, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of record in view of Applicant's remarks below.

b.) **Amendments to the Specification - None.**

c.) **Amendments to the Claims – None.**